I have worked in radio most of my life. The existance of local radio has gone. I live in the mountian west were the reach of local radio stations can be extensive. Most stations have not used the power of the local stations to keep listeners informed. A good may of these listeners are going to satellite radio like XM. While the current issue has nothing to do with these remote areas, I do see a time when people will rely on satelitte radio for weather and road reports in the most remote areas during the winter months, since most local radio stations have mostly given up this service because they can not sell it and make money.